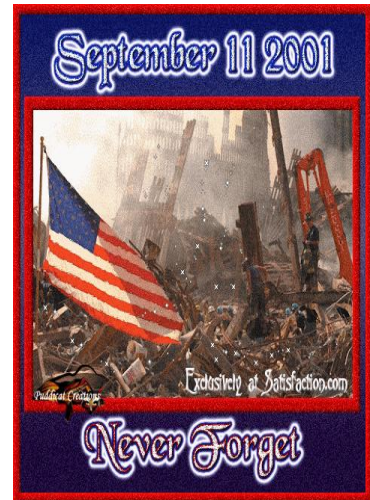
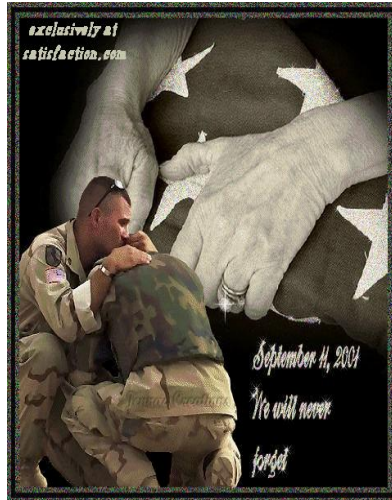
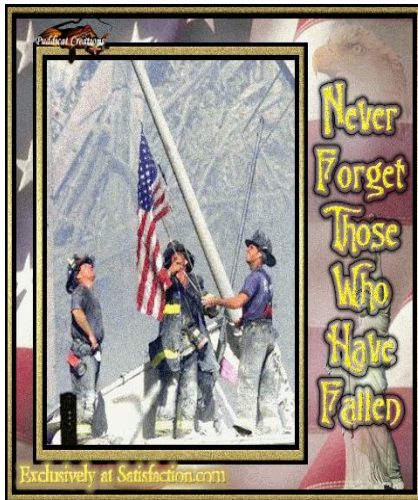


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Fort Devens, MA 01434-4479

Serving the Military in New England

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61 Quebec Street, Building 683

Hours of Operation

0630-1600 Monday -Friday

<https://www.devens.army.mil>

ACS TELEPHONE NUMBERS

978-796-3023/ 3119 DSN 256-3023/ 3119

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ACS DIRECTOR



Imelda Fisher

Disaster Relief: Hopefully everyone weathered Hurricane Irene and things are back to normal in your life. If you are in the group that suffered damage the following website may be able to help you. <http://www.disasterassistance.gov/> Pass on this important information to those who might need assistance.

What is DisasterAssistance.gov? Provides disaster assistance information from the U.S. Government. Details over 60 different forms of assistance from 17 federal agencies.

Chaplain Williams: is in Room 8 in Building 683 every day from 0800-1630. Phone: 978-796-3652, Cell Phone: 603-370-7781 E Mail: mark.david.williams@us.army.mil

*******USAG Fort Devens 9/11 Tenth Anniversary Commemorative Event:*******

*A Commemorative event will be held at the Fort Devens Chapel on **FRIDAY, September 9 at 1400.***

Education Office: The 99th RSC Education Office is now located at 30 Quebec Street, (Building 666) Fort Devens in Rooms 328, 326 and 324. Call Lee Achenbach at 978-796-2968. Services will include educational and career counseling, GI Bill questions and issues, tuition assistance, financial aid and scholarship information as well as test administration and test proctoring.

Fort Devens Mail and Distribution: Mail & Distribution Hours are as follows. The Door will be open for box pick up between the following hours. 0730 AM to 1600 PM. Window pick up 0900 AM to 1200 PM 1230 PM to 1430 PM

Taps Tavern: Hours of operation for Taps Tavern are 1600 – 2100, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Enjoy cold drinks, delicious snacks, sports events, X-Box gaming, music and much more. The TAPS Tavern is located in Bldg. 623, 42 Givry Street, Devens, MA.

FREE Movie Night at the Community Activities Center, Bldg. 623, shown in the main hall Saturdays. Be on the lookout for each Saturday's feature presentation.

ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF

Changes to AER: Soldiers in the below ranks are not required to submit an application for AER assistance through their immediate Commander. Applications for AER assistance is submitted directly to the AER Officer. Master Sergeants and above, Chief Warrant Officer 3 and above, Captains and above.

Commanders Referral. Has been updated to reflect Soldiers may request up to \$1,500, and requested amount and current balance cannot exceed \$2,500. Repayments are now no more than 15 months.

FINANCIAL

Make Saving Automatic: Pay Yourself First

Do you have a savings account, yet find it difficult to find money to deposit into it? This isn't an uncommon problem and most people find it hard to save. Generally when you receive income it is either directly deposited into your checking account or you go to the bank to make a deposit. Typically these funds head straight to the checking account so they are available to pay the seemingly endless stream of bills.

Why Saving Money is Hard: Most people save money as an afterthought. When they receive income the money is allocated to bills, groceries, rent or a mortgage or daily expenses among other things. The only time adding money to savings is when there is money left over. Unfortunately with this backwards thinking there is almost never any money left over to save.

When deposits are made into a savings account **automatically and regularly** you don't have to think about it and the money is deposited before you have time to worry about expenses or how much money will be left over.

Automatic Saving is Easy: Thanks to modern technology it is very easy to set up an automatic savings plan. If you currently have direct deposit through your employer you will find the easiest way to establish this is to have part of your paycheck directly deposited into your savings account as well. It doesn't matter if it is \$10 or \$500, simply having this happen automatically will ensure money is saved every time you are paid.

If you don't have direct deposit there is still an easy option available if you do your banking at a local branch. Typically your bank can link checking and saving accounts together and establish automated transfers between accounts at a regular interval that you select. So if you cash your paycheck every other Friday you could establish an automatic transfer of a set amount of money from checking to savings to coincide with this deposit.

Military Homeowners: Avoid Foreclosure: If you've been wounded while on active duty, or your spouse has lost their life in combat, you may be eligible for special mortgage forbearance. If you're unable to make your mortgage payment as a result of one of these unique hardships, and your loan is owned by Fannie Mae, you may be eligible for temporary relief from your monthly mortgage payments. To find out if Fannie Mae owns your mortgage or to find out if you're eligible, please call Fannie Mae at 1-877-MIL-4566 or visit [**www.knowyouroptions.com/military**](http://www.knowyouroptions.com/military)
BEWARE OF RESCUE SCAMS!

Foreclosure rescue scams are a real threat—and they can be devastating to anyone already in financial trouble. Get informed and ask questions! If you're struggling to make your mortgage payments and receive an offer, information or advice that sounds too good to be true...it probably is. Seek help from a trustworthy organization. Find local Housing and Urban Development (HUD) approved counseling agencies and get the help you need for FREE. Visit HUD Counseling for more info.

CELL Phone Discounts: Military Cell Phone Discounts

Sprint Nextel's Sponsorship Program offers a 15% military discount on monthly service plans. A two year service agreement must be established or an existing Sprint Nextel service agreement must be renewed for an additional two years to qualify for the discount. Additionally, receive a free accessory pack on select devices - and there are additional monthly promotions. With the family plan each additional line after the primary line incurs a \$9.99 per line per month add-on charge (includes unlimited Mobile-to-Mobile). The plans allow for up to 5 phones on the same account. The activation and shipping fees are waived. Up to \$200 early termination fee applies to each line. You may contact Sprint Nextel at 1-800-777-4681, 1-888-788-4727 or 1-800-639-6111. The BPA number is W91RUS-06-A-0002.

AT&T Military Discount offers 15% Monthly Service Charge discount available to active and retired military personnel, 2yr. contract required. Handset Pricing: Business 2 year equipment price or best retail offer. Standard IRU validation requirements: Must show valid government employment ID at retail point of sale or validate online with a recognized government email domain (.gov, .mil, et al.) via our online [eCommerce site](#). Military FAN/Code:
Army – 2421660 Navy – 2421954 Air Force – 2421652 Marines – 2421958 Coast Guard - 2422480

T-Mobile's Sponsorship Program offers two phones for free (Nokia 6103 and Samsung T209) and up to a 15% service discount per month. After a \$50 mail-in rebate, the Motorola RAZR (Magenta and Silver) and Samsung T509 are free; the Blackberry Model 8700, Blackberry Pearl and MDA are \$199.99; the Blackberry Model 7290 is \$249.99; and, the Sidekick III is \$299.99. The service agreement is for two years, an activation fee (\$35-\$75) is required and a \$200 per line early termination fee applies. Family time plans (minimum 2 lines/maximum 5 lines per plan) pool the minutes together at \$9.99 per phone add-on charge per month after the first two phones. The BPA number is W91RUS-06-A-0004 and the link to [T-Mobile webpage](#). You may also contact T-Mobile at 1-866-464-8662 and reference Promotion Code 1080TMOFAV.

Verizon Wireless does not participate in the Sponsorship Program under the new BPA (W91RUS-06-A-0001). However, Verizon Wireless does offer a 15% discount on monthly plans costing \$35 and above and 25% off accessories for all Federal Government employees through its Consumer Accounts Department. Verizon Wireless offers three phones for free (CDM 180, PN-120 and LGVX3450). The service agreement can be one or two years. The activation and shipping fees are waived. Family time plans (minimum 2 lines/maximum 5 lines per plan) pool the minutes together at \$9.99 per phone add-on charge per month after the first two phones. Go to www.verizonwireless.com/discount and enter in your official military email address (personal email addresses cannot be accepted). Verizon Wireless will send an email link and showing the discounted equipment and rates, as well as allow you to register an existing line of service for discounting. Also you may contact Verizon Wireless at 1-800-922-0204. **NOTE:** Most vendors are requiring a two year service agreement be established or an existing service agreement must be renewed for an additional two years to qualify for the discount.

SOLDIER & FAMILY

Thanks To Yanks: You are cordially invited to a special tribute dinner in honor of our military families, including Blue Star & Gold Star Families, and to pay tribute to the heroes and victims of

9/11/01. This is completely a non-political event. It is merely a way of saying THANK YOU for your service and sacrifices. The dinner is our free gift to you. Families are welcome, with free child care provided. Sunday, September 11, 2011 at 5:PM -7PM at the Medway VFW, 123 Holliston Street, Medway, MA 02053. Please RSVP by September 8, by visiting www.thankstoyanks.org or contact Michael Shain 508-330 8487 with any questions.



Coco Keys Water Resort

Half-Off Sundays for Military! Receive 50% off a Sunday day pass valid for one day access with valid Military or Veteran ID to CoCo Key Water Resort! 10:00am to 9:00pm on Sundays only. Two discounted kids included under each adult ID.

\$10 RED SOX TICKETS STANDING ROOM

Any soldier/sailor/airman/marine brings an active duty military ID and can purchase up to two standing room only discounted tickets for \$10 each. At every regular season game, the Boston Red Sox set aside SRO (standing room only) tickets for active duty military personnel. The number of tickets varies, but it's often around 200. Each serviceman or servicewoman can purchase a maximum of two tickets per game — one for them, one for you — at \$10 each. Military SRO tickets go on sale two hours before game time. *The ticket booth is at Gate B.* Each person with an active duty military ID can buy two tickets.

FAMILY WEBSITES OF INTEREST

<http://americanfreedomfoundation.org/>

<http://www.operationhomefront.net/newengland/>

www.4MilitaryFamilies.com - This website has a variety of information such as information on: Deployments, Military Discounts, Military Education, Military Installations, Military Travel, Military Websites, and many many more! **www.MilitaryOneSource.com** - This is a support website with many different military resources. **www.JointServicessupport.org** - A National Guard Family Online Community. Log on and Register today!! **www.GuardFamilyyouth.org** - All Military Youth are encouraged to visit this Website.

www.riredcross.org - Get to know us before you need us!

www.militaryscholar.org - Scholarships for Military Children.

www.military.com/benefits— Military Benefits and Resources

Welcome to the Military Spouse Resource Center: A useful link for those spouses that want to upgrade knowledge, skills and abilities and those who may want to enter the workforce as a result of spouse deployment. <http://www.milspouse.org/>

The Military Spouse Resource Center (MilSpouse.org) is a U.S. Department of Labor sponsored web site designed to assist the spouses of U.S. total force military personnel. Our mission is to provide easy access to information, resources, and opportunities related to education, training, and employment within the United States. MilSpouse.org will be extending services to military spouses directly through

this site and through partnerships with other organizations and the U.S. Department of Labor's local One-Stop Career Centers. Job Search Sites, Career Planning <http://www.worcesterworks.com>

Delta Dental: If you are having questions on Delta Dental on maximizing your dental program please click on the following link. <http://trdp.org/bl/press.html> Check out the web site (trdp.org) or call the toll-free number (1-888-838-8737) so people know how to get their questions answered.

Military Spouse Employment Website:

<http://www.msepjobs.com/skins/msep/home.aspx?AllowSSL=true>

Great Information for Deployment: In case you have families page 4 has a list of children's books for kids to read about separation.

<http://www.il.ngb.army.mil/familyreadiness/educationoutreach/HelpingYoungChildrenWithDeployment.pdf>

The Ride for Our Heroes is a true motorcycle enthusiast event honoring our Nation's service members, veterans and their families while raising needed funds for the Red Sox Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital Home Base Program. Funds raised for the Home Base Program will provide clinical care to the many veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan affected by combat stress and/or traumatic brain injuries as well as counseling support to their families.

Join us on Saturday, September 24, 2011 in the Ride for Our Heroes. The Ride features starting points from locations throughout New England and will kick off with an opening ceremony and acknowledgement of local military heroes. The Ride concludes with a Rider Appreciation Party at Manchester Harley-Davidson in Manchester, New Hampshire. It is sure to be a great after-party for bikers and families. www.homebaseprogram.org/rideforourheroes



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RIDE FOR OUR HEROES

RED SOX FOUNDATION
HOME BASE
MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL

September 24, 2011

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All proceeds from the event will benefit the Home Base Program.

Learn more about the Ride for Our Heroes.
Web: homebaseprogram.org/rideforourheroes
Phone: 617.726.8573
Email: rideforourheroes@partners.org

6 New England Starting Locations!

Massachusetts – Fort Devens
Connecticut – Windsor Locks VFW
Rhode Island – Pawtucket VFW
New Hampshire – Bristol VFW
Vermont – St Albans VFW
Maine – Sunnyside Landing

Pre-event Registration:
\$40 rider/\$50 with passenger (all content to raise a minimum of \$100 and registration fees for rider and passenger are waived)

Event Day Registration:
\$50 rider / \$70 with passenger

Rider or Purchase Raffle Tickets at:
www.homebaseprogram.org/rideforourheroes

The Home Base Program is dedicated to improving the lives of veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq wars who are impacted by deployment-related post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and/or traumatic brain injury (TBI). The program has multiple components including clinical care, family support, research, education and community outreach. The Home Base Program works with the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Defense, the Center for the Integration of Medicine and Innovative Technology (CIMIT) and other community partners to provide the best care and hope for veterans. The Home Base Program is a philanthropic partnership between the Red Sox Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital.

www.homebaseprogram.org/rideforourheroes

Veteran Resources: <http://www.veteranprograms.com/index.html> U.S. Veteran Compensation Programs is the first unique website dedicated to helping U.S. veterans discover the benefits they have earned. Complete details about service-connected compensation issues and important updates about veteran benefits as they occur. Also, services that help veterans gain quick and easy access to vital VA departments and information. We provide free and user-friendly resources for veterans and their family members.

THE EMPLOYER PARTNERSHIP OF THE ARMED FORCES: Through the Employee Partnership Office (EPO), you can more effectively leverage your Military training and experience for career opportunities in today's civilian job market, having access to job openings with Military friendly employers in various industries across the country. The EPO job search engine is easy to use and gives Servicemenbers another tool to help them achieve their civilian career goals.

You local contact is: **KEN FORCHIELLI**, Contractor (Military Personnel Services Corporation) Employer Partnership of the Armed Forces, 508-755-0173 Ext 2231, 910-728-3031 (BB)
Visit the Employer Partnership website at: www.employerpartnership.org or email at gethired@employerpartnership.org or call 1-877-450-HIRE (4473)

MILICRUIT: is pleased to extend an invitation to all active duty, veterans, and military spouses to participate in our largest career fair to date. On September 12th, we will host the next all hands event in partnership with the White House Joining Forces Initiative **Event Details: September 12, 2011 11-4 PM EST** Register at: www.veteranscareerfair.com **Meet with 90 military friendly employers 24/7/365** Visit employer booths. Chat with recruiters. View and apply for jobs All from the comfort and convenience of home or wherever you may be stationed or deployed.

THINGS TO DO IN September

JOB FAIR: Thursday, September 15, 2011 • 11 AM – 3 PM, Gillette Stadium
1 Patriot Place

<http://recruitmilitary.com/expos/384-Boston/candidates/exhibitors>



Hilton Garden Inn: The new Hilton Garden Inn under construction just outside the gate of Fort Devens will be holding a job fair for all positions on the following dates:

Tuesday	6 September 2011	1200-1500
Wednesday	7 September 2011	1000-1400

The fair will take place at the Devens Conference Center, and the hotel is hiring staff for the front desk, housekeeping, maintenance, serving, cooking, dishwashing, and banquets. Hotel officials say no experience is necessary and they plan to interview everyone interested.

Topsfield Fair: Military Day, Tuesday, October 4, 2011. All active military personnel will be admitted to the Fair free of charge, along with their immediate family members accompanying them when they present their military identification at the gate. <http://www.topsfieldfair.org/index.php>

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TICKETS AND TOURS

Judie King, ITT Manager, Hanscom AFB, 98 Barksdale Street Bldg 1530, 781-377-3262
<http://www.hanscomservices.com/> PREPAID ORDERS ONLY!! Payment is due at the time the order is placed. Once the order has been placed there are no refunds.

Take a trip with us! – Registration deadline for all trips is 30 days prior to departure or space available.

Red Sox vs. Blue Jays at Rogers Centre and Niagara Falls – Will be held on **Monday – Wednesday, 5 – 7 September**, \$289 per person double occupancy; includes luxury accommodations, 2 breakfasts at The Country Inn & Suites, field-level reserved seats for the Red Sox vs. Blue Jays game and round-trip transportation.

Foxwoods Casino & Captain Jack's Lobster Bake – Will be held on **Saturday, 10 September**, \$65 per person; includes lobster bake, Foxwoods Resort Casino Bonus (Festival Buffet Coupon or \$15 food voucher and \$10 Lucky Seven Keno) and round-trip transportation.

Six Flags New England – Tickets are \$30 each for anyone over age 2; gate price is \$34.99. Located in Agawam. Massachusetts.

Water Country – Tickets are \$28 for anyone 48 inches tall and seniors (65+) are \$24.99. Entry for children 2 and under is free. Located in Portsmouth, NH.

Canobie Lake Park – Tickets are \$26 per person. Purchase tickets for children less than 48. at the gate for \$24 and seniors (65+) are \$23. Located in Salem, NH.

York's Wild Kingdom – Tickets are \$14 per person, ages 4 and up. At the gate: 3 and under are \$4.75. Located in York, ME.

Story Land – Tickets are \$26 for ages 2 and up. Located in Glen, NH.

Davis Farmland – Farmland ticket only is \$15 for ages 2 and up; gate price is \$19.95. Located in Sterling Massachusetts.

Old Town Trolley Tickets (Boston Trolley Tour) – Tickets are \$29 each for ages 12 and up; regular price is \$36 each. Child ticket is \$13 for ages 5-12.

Cinema Tickets – AMC movie tickets are \$6.75 for any show starting after 1800 that has been out for at least one full week.

Walt Disney World Armed Forces Salute: now through Wednesday, 28 September - During the offer period, now through Wednesday, 28 September, 4-Day Disney's Armed Forces Salute tickets

with or without options may be purchased by eligible service members (or their spouse, but not both), for themselves, their family and friends. 4-Day Disney's Armed Forces Salute tickets are limited to six per eligible service member. Those eligible for the program include: active or retired members of the U.S. military, including activated members of the National Guard and Reservists, as well as active and retired members of the United States Coast Guard. 3 ticket options available: 4-day Salute Park Hopper: \$138, 4 day Base Ticket with Water Park Option: \$138, 4-day Park Hopper with Water Park Option: \$165. The 3 options above are the only tickets offered through the Armed Forces Salute program. Tickets are not stocked at Hanscom's Tickets & Tours office. Orders may only be processed at Tickets & Tours Monday through Thursday from 0900 - 1530. You must order these tickets in person; your military ID must be verified before your order is processed. Other rules and restrictions apply; visit Tickets & Tours, Bldg. 1530 for Disney's Special

HANSCOM AIRMAN AND FAMILY READINESS CENTER

September 2011

Please Call 781-377-4222 to Register

Serving the total force...Programs are free to all single and married Active Duty, Reserve, and Guard personnel, DoD civilians, retired Military personnel and Family members

MILITARY FAMILY LIFE CONSULTANTS (MFLCs) provide free, short-term, non-medical, solution-oriented counseling on a range of issues. For service members, DoD civilians, and their families – no records are kept. Call (781) 686-3084 and leave your first name only for an appointment!

U.S. ECONOMY – WHAT'S HOT/WHAT'S NOT will be held September 1 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Find out in what direction the economy is moving, what industries and occupations are improving, and which are in decline. Learn where to find pertinent information about today's economy and much more from a Department of Labor specialist. Bring your lunch.

PRIVATE SECTOR RESUME WRITING CLASS will be held September 2 from 9 to 11 a.m. This is a basic resume writing course. It covers how to write and format an effective resume and cover letter. Federal resume basics are also discussed.

VETERANS AFFAIRS DISABILITY CLAIMS REVIEW will be held September 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A representative from AMVETS, a veterans' service organization, will assist you in processing your disability claim and answer questions. **Appointment is required. Call the AMVETS Service Representative at 617-303-5698 for an appointment.**

PRESEPARATION COUNSELING will be held September 7, 14, 21, and 28 from 9 to 10 a.m. Weekly sessions for separating and retiring service members to complete the mandatory DD Form 2648, Preseparation Counseling Checklist. The checklist provides critical information about benefits, resources and services available as you transition from military to civilian life. **By law, this counseling must be provided at least 90 days prior to your date of separation or retirement.**

PREPARING FOR HOMECOMING: REUNION BRIEFINGS FOR SPOUSES AND CHILDREN will be held September 7 from 3 to 4 p.m. (simultaneous sessions for spouses and

children ages 6 and older) If you are anticipating a reunion with your service member within the next two months, please join us for two special briefings that will help you and your children prepare for the big event. In these interactive workshops, you'll receive practical suggestions for coping with reunion and reintegration, and the children's session will feature fun reunion activities, music, and a personalized gift for the returning parent.

RESUME FORMATTING SECRETS USING WORD 2007 will be held September 8 from 5 to 7 p.m. Learn to create a resume that makes a great first impression using pro resume writer design and formatting secrets. This workshop discusses basic and advanced features used to create a polished document. You'll learn how to highlight what's most important and how to make your resume stand out from the pile.

E-SMOOTH MOVE SEMINAR will be held September 14 from 9 to 10 a.m. Learn how to navigate the new internet based resources designed for PCS moves, and where to get answers to your questions about your upcoming move. Spouses encouraged to attend.

TEACHING CAREERS: TROOPS-TO-TEACHERS AND JR. ROTC will be held September 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ever considered teaching school? Learn how to get into this profession as representatives from Troops-to-Teachers and Jr. ROTC explain their programs and answer questions. Jr. ROTC is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Troops-to-Teachers from 12 to 1 p.m.

RAISING "MONEY – SMART" KIDS — LUNCH & LEARN will be held September 15 from 12 to 1 p.m. The earlier you can teach a child or teenager about money management, the better prepared they will be to manage their own money. Find out how to teach your kids the three principles of wise money management, how to be a good financial role model, and about the many resources available to parents. Lunch is provided for attendees.

EMPLOYMENT RESEARCH will be held September 16 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. View websites and other resources to enhance your ability to research occupations and companies, to find job openings, and to add punch to your resume and interviewing skills. Bring your lunch.

TRANSITIONING FROM A MILITARY TO A CIVILIAN CAREER will be held Monday thru Friday, September 19 – 23. This workshop is designed to assist voluntarily and involuntarily separating or retiring service members make a successful career transition. Plan to attend at least 6 months prior to separation or retirement. Dress is civilian attire (business casual). Spouses are welcome. Class begins at 12 p.m. on Monday. Tuesday thru Thursday class hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Seminar ends Friday at 12:30 p.m. Register early.

HE SAID, SHE SAID will be held September 19 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. A workshop for men and women focusing on differences and similarities in communication styles, how to communicate more effectively, both at home and in the workplace, and how to achieve the goal of understanding what he and she really said. Presented by Sue Spielman.

HOW TO TALK TO CHILDREN ABOUT REALLY IMPORTANT THINGS will be held September 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join Dr. Kathleen Reardon for a workshop that will teach parents how to help children deal with their feelings, how to listen to and understand their concerns,

and how to address “awkward” but necessary subjects, such as sexuality, peer pressure, drugs, and more. As an LICSW in private practice and a professor of Social Work at Simmons College, Dr. Reardon brings a wealth of knowledge on children’s social and neurobiological development. This presentation is not to be missed!

“HEARTS APART” AT THE BASE LIBRARY will be held September 21 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Families of deployed, remote tour, and extended TDY service members are invited to join us for a craft activity and an evening of fun at the library. We’ll provide the food and drinks; please let us know how many plan on attending. RSVP by September 16 to 781-377-4222 or email 66.fss.fsfr.cmb@hanscom.af.mil.

DEALING WITH CHILDREN’S CHALLENGING BEHAVIORS will be held September 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. A discussion for parents of children ages 2 to 5. This workshop will address developing realistic expectations of your child’s behavior, making an assessment of your child’s triggers for their challenging behaviors, and sharing specific principles and strategies of positive discipline you can apply daily to diffuse power and control struggles. Presented by the amazing Patricia Marquis, LICSW. **Held at the Community Support Center, Building 1217, Hanscom Air Force Base.**

BULLYING will be held September 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Bullying is defined as “a conscious and deliberately hostile action intended to hurt or control another person.” Eighty-six percent of 9 to 13 year olds say they’ve seen someone bullied, and 48% report they’ve been bullied emotionally, verbally, physically or through cyber space. Learn how to prepare your children to deal with this growing epidemic and how to prevent your child from becoming a victim.

NEWCOMERS’ PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND CITY ORIENTATION will be held September 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Newcomers and family members are invited to learn how to navigate the local public transportation system and obtain information on events and attractions. Ride into Boston with us using the “T”! All you need is \$4 for subway fares. This program is part of the community orientation for inprocessing. Newly arrived service members are not required to take leave to attend.

JUST A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT – WHEN TO WORRY (AND NOT) WHEN YOUR CHILD DOESN’T QUITE FIT IN will be held September 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The incomparable Dr. Kathleen Reardon is back with a new workshop that will take a closer look at parents’ and others’ perception of “different” and help you refocus those views on the “unique” attributes and qualities of your child.

WINNING SALARY NEGOTIATION will be held September 29 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This intense 2-hour workshop will expose you to negotiating skills yielding “top-of-range” beginning salary and benefits. Bring your lunch.

FEDERAL RESUME CRITIQUE (By Appointment Only). Resumes are reviewed by employment specialists — a great opportunity for feedback to improve your resume format and content. Email your federal resume and the applicable Vacancy Announcement to 66.fss.fsfr.cmb@hanscom.af.mil. You will be contacted for an appointment after we have reviewed your resume. **Prior completion of**

the A&FRC Federal Resume Writing for USAJOBS class or TAP Federal Employment Opportunities class is strongly recommended.

PRIVATE SECTOR RESUME CRITIQUE sessions are held by appointment only. Resumes are reviewed by an A&FRC employment specialist with HR experience – a great opportunity for feedback to improve your resume format and content. Email your resume to 66.fss.fsfr.cmb@hanscom.af.mil. You will receive a response in 3-5 business days. **Prior attendance at an A&FRC or TAP resume writing class is recommended.**

Family Advocacy Outreach

CELL PHONE COLLECTION: The Family Advocacy Program collects used and old cell phones, and distributes them to local domestic violence agencies. Drop off phones, batteries, and chargers to the Family Advocacy Program, Bldg 1217. Please put each phone and its accessories in a sealed, plastic bag.

WIC, a nutrition and education program for income-eligible expectant parents or parents with children age birth to five is located on base. * **WIC is located in Bldg 1507** *. **WIC is on base the first and third Wednesday** of each month from 0800 to 1530. For WIC appointments or information, call (617) 312-9974.

First Connections- Is a non-profit, family support organization that provides comprehensive services to families with young children birth through age five. First Connections serves a large geographic area that encompasses twelve metro-west communities, including Hanscom Air Force Base. All programs are free or low cost. More information is available on their website www.firstconnections.org or by calling 781-287-0221.

EMPLOYMENT READINESS

Free Resume Help for Military Members

The below website is where Service Members can get free resume writing help and the course schedule. <http://www.networkri.org/centers.htm>

White House Internship for Veterans: This program is open to veterans of the Armed Forces who possess a high school diploma or equivalent and has served on active duty at anytime over the past 2 years. Although unpaid, it is the experience of a lifetime! The White House today announced that the application period for the prestigious White House Internship Program for Spring 2012 is now open. Applicants have until SEP 11th, 2011 to apply for a Spring 2012 White House Internship. The spring term runs from January 17, 2012 - May 4, 2012. Internships are full-time and unpaid however the experience is second-to-none. Participants will work as part of the Administration's White House staff and gain a wide range of experience in public policy and experience, first-hand, the functions of our Government. Please read instructions fully before applying, refer to the frequently asked questions page for additional explanations and contact the program directly with questions. <http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/internships/apply>

USA JOB: JOB OPPORTUNITIES ON THE BASE - Remember to go to www.USAJOBS.GOV and search for Newport, RI if you are interested in finding out and applying for positions open onboard the Naval Station. Current opportunities include a Motor Vehicle Operator that's open through next week. Spread the word! USAJOBS - The Federal Government's Official Jobs Site www.USAJOBS.GOV This is a United States Office of Personnel Management website. USAJOBS is the Federal Government's official one-stop source for Federal jobs and employment information.

Job Search: Below please find a link to critical skills needed at Booz Allen Hamilton. Please share with your contacts and have all interested email me their resumes and I will submit on their behalf – this speeds up the review process. Also, applicants must identify the job skills qualification from the list. <https://erp.bah.com/hotjobs.htm>

Military Spouse Employment Tip of the Week: When applying for a job, state in your cover letter or application that you are a military spouse of an active duty service member who may be eligible for the Military Spouse Internship Program. Spouses can apply for a federal job by visiting the USAJOBS website.

<http://www.transitionjobs.us/> Click on “Search for Opportunities” at the bottom of the page. Jobs listed by state.

www.TransitionTalk.com has launched to create an online community with shared information and resources to help veterans who are in transition. This website contains specialized articles, recommended books and links for military transition. Also, there is a web log for Q & A that aims to provide the answers to military transition questions from Category Guides who are military and industry professionals that are eager to help veterans make a successful transition.

Website: Career Resources for Veterans: The Defense Centers of Excellence (DCoE) recently collaborated with PBS to produce a handbook for military families. Created as a companion to the PBS series "This Emotional Life," A Handbook for Family & Friends of Service Members explores the stressors and feelings individuals may encounter throughout the different phases of deployment. The handbook aims to provide solutions for Service members and identifies outside tools and resources that may be useful to friends and family members before, during and after deployment. Topics include what to expect during deployment and how to strengthen or repair relationships. Order the handbooks from the Real Warriors Campaign website at <http://www.sc.edu/career/Webresources/veterans.html>

<http://www.realwarriors.net/materials/order>

Hanscom AFS: Resources <http://www.hanscom.af.mil>

Massachusetts Career Information System: <http://masscis.intocareers.org/default.asp>

Veterans Employment Services (978) 534-1481 x 117 www.wmoore@detma.org

Orion International: info@orioninternational.com

RELOCATION READINESS

ACS has listings for apartments or houses to rent. List is updated as housing is made available to us. Call 978-796-3023. ACS Electronic Welcome Packets

<https://www.devens.army.mil> or call 978-796-3023

Moving and Relocation Information: Terrific tips to make moving easier.

<http://afmove.hq.af.mil/Default.asp>

TRICARE Information at Hanscom AFB:

Hanscom AFB offers a monthly Newcomer Orientation Medical Clinic welcome to all new patients every Tuesday from 1300 to 1500. It is strongly recommended that Army personnel attend so they can find out about their provider, how to access emergency services, and referral. Telephone: 781-377-2120

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UNITED SERVICES ORGANIZATION:

Military OneSource: 1-800-342-9647 www.armyonesource.com

HELPFUL MASSACHUSETTS RESOURCES:

USO New England: <http://www.uso-newengland.org/index.htm>

Massachusetts Parks: www.state.ma.us/dem/forparks.htm

Massachusetts Wildlife: www.state.ma.us/dfwele/dfw

State of Massachusetts Child Care Finder: www.qualitychildcare.org

Massachusetts Getaway Guide: <http://www.mass-vacation.com/>

Massachusetts's area Guides net: <http://massachusetts.ags.myareaguide.com/>

Boston and Local Area Concerts: <http://www.bostonconcerts.com/>

Boston Pops: <http://www.bso.org/>